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**"GOD DELIGHTS IN USING HIS PEOPLE TO BLESS
AND MEET THE NEEDS OF OTHER PEOPLE."**

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¹²NOW THE DAY BEGAN TO WEAR AWAY, AND THE TWELVE CAME AND SAID TO HIM, "SEND THE CROWD AWAY TO GO INTO THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES AND COUNTRYSIDE TO FIND LODGING AND GET PROVISIONS, FOR WE ARE HERE IN A DESOLATE PLACE."

¹³BUT HE SAID TO THEM, "YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT." THEY SAID, "WE HAVE NO MORE THAN FIVE LOAVES AND TWO FISH—UNLESS WE ARE TO GO AND BUY FOOD FOR ALL THESE PEOPLE." ¹⁴FOR THERE WERE ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND MEN.

AND HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "HAVE THEM SIT DOWN IN GROUPS OF ABOUT FIFTY EACH." ¹⁵AND THEY DID SO, AND HAD THEM ALL SIT DOWN. ¹⁶AND TAKING THE FIVE LOAVES AND THE TWO FISH, HE LOOKED UP TO HEAVEN AND SAID A BLESSING OVER THEM.

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THEN HE BROKE THE LOAVES AND GAVE THEM TO THE DISCIPLES TO SET BEFORE THE CROWD. ¹⁷AND THEY ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED. AND WHAT WAS LEFT OVER WAS PICKED UP, TWELVE BASKETS OF BROKEN PIECES. ¹⁸NOW IT HAPPENED THAT AS HE WAS PRAYING ALONE, THE DISCIPLES WERE WITH HIM. AND HE ASKED THEM, "WHO DO THE CROWDS SAY THAT I AM?" ¹⁹AND THEY ANSWERED, "JOHN THE BAPTIST. BUT OTHERS SAY, ELIJAH, AND OTHERS, THAT ONE OF THE PROPHETS OF OLD HAS RISEN." ²⁰THEN HE SAID TO THEM, "BUT WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?" AND PETER ANSWERED, "THE CHRIST OF GOD." ²¹AND HE STRICTLY CHARGED AND COMMANDED THEM TO TELL THIS TO NO ONE. —LUKE 9:12-21

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I. DIVINE COMPASSION

JESUS SEES AND KNOWS OUR NEED TODAY

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WHEN HE WENT ASHORE HE SAW A GREAT CROWD,
AND HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM, BECAUSE THEY WERE
LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD. AND HE BEGAN
TO TEACH THEM MANY THINGS. —MARK 6:34

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“BUT WHILE OUR LORD’S MIRACULOUS FEEDING
OF THE MULTITUDE IS AN ASTOUNDING DISPLAY
OF HIS DIVINE POWER, IT IS FAR MORE THAN THAT.
AS WITH ALL THE MIRACLES JESUS PERFORMED,
THIS ONE IS ALSO A DEMONSTRATION OF GOD’S TENDER,
COMPASSIONATE CARE, SHOWING THAT HIS POWER
CANNOT BE DIVORCED FROM HIS COMPASSION.
THIS MIRACULOUS PROVISION OF FOOD
ON A MASSIVE SCALE IS A STRIKING EXHIBITION
OF GOD’S CONCERN FOR EVEN THE MOST
MUNDANE ISSUES OF LIFE.” —JOHN MACARTHUR

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2. DIVINE EXPECTATION

JESUS INVITES AND INSTRUCTS US TO MEET
THE NEEDS OF OTHERS

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⁸ONE OF HIS DISCIPLES, ANDREW, SIMON PETER'S BROTHER,
SAID TO HIM, ⁹"THERE IS A BOY HERE
WHO HAS FIVE BARLEY LOAVES AND TWO FISH,
BUT WHAT ARE THEY FOR SO MANY?" —JOHN 6:8-9

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GEORGE MUELLER
(1805-1898)

*"The more individuals
rely on God through
private prayer, the more
they will experience
His mighty power."*



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¹AND HE CALLED THE TWELVE
TOGETHER AND GAVE THEM
POWER AND AUTHORITY
OVER ALL DEMONS AND
TO CURE DISEASES,
²AND HE SENT THEM OUT
TO PROCLAIM THE KINGDOM
OF GOD AND TO HEAL...
¹⁰ON THEIR RETURN THE
APOSTLES TOLD HIM ALL
THAT THEY HAD DONE.
AND HE TOOK THEM AND
WITHDREW APART TO A
TOWN CALLED BETHSAIDA.
—LUKE 9:1-2, 10

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HE WHO SUPPLIES SEED TO THE SOWER AND BREAD FOR FOOD
WILL SUPPLY AND MULTIPLY YOUR SEED FOR SOWING
AND INCREASE THE HARVEST OF YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.
—2 CORINTHIANS 9:10

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“HERE, FOR YOU!”

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3. DIVINE SATISFACTION
JESUS ALWAYS PROVIDES ENOUGH AND
EVEN MORE THAN WE EXPECT

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“THE ENTIRE BIBLICAL NARRATIVE IS ABOUT GOD’S PROVIDING FOR HIS PEOPLE. JESUS IS THE MANNA OF GOD, THE BREAD THAT TAKES US FROM SPIRITUAL DEATH TO SPIRITUAL LIFE. HE IS THE MANNA THAT WILL END YOUR HUNGER FOREVER. THE BREAD FOR THE CROWD IS A SIGN TO POINT THEM—AND US—TO HOW THEIR DEEPER HUNGER CAN BE SATISFIED. THE STORY OF THE BIBLE IS ABOUT HUNGER AND BREAD. ONLY JESUS SATISFIES.” —PAUL DAVID TRIPP

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JESUS ALONE PROVIDES...

- **PEACE** IN THE MIDST OF FEAR
- **COMFORT** IN THE PRESENCE OF GRIEF
- **HOPE** WHEN EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE FALLING APART
- **JOY** WHEN LIFE THROWS US A CURVE BALL
- **LOVE** WHEN WE FEEL UNLOVABLE
- **SALVATION** EVEN WHEN WE DON’T DESERVE IT

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¹¹... SO MEPHIBOSHETH ATE
AT DAVID'S TABLE,
LIKE ONE OF THE KING'S SONS.
¹²AND MEPHIBOSHETH HAD
A YOUNG SON, WHOSE NAME
WAS MICA. AND ALL
WHO LIVED IN ZIBA'S HOUSE
BECAME MEPHIBOSHETH'S
SERVANTS. ¹³SO
MEPHIBOSHETH LIVED IN
JERUSALEM, FOR HE ATE
ALWAYS AT THE KING'S TABLE.
NOW HE WAS LAME
IN BOTH HIS FEET.
—2 SAMUEL 9:11b-13

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"THE GOODNESS OF GOD IS INFINITELY MORE WONDERFUL
THAN WE WILL EVER BE ABLE TO COMPREHEND."

—A.W. TOZER

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